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THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY.

Could we but know  
The land that ends our dark uncertain travel  
Where lie those happier hills and  
Meadows low—  
Ah, if beyond the spirit's inmost  
cavil  
Aught of that country could surely  
know,  
Who would not go?  
Might we but hear  
The hovering angel's high-imagined  
chorus,  
Or catch, betimes, with wakeful eyes,  
and clear,  
One radiant vista of the real before  
us—  
With one rapt moment given to see  
and hear,  
Ah, who would fear?  
Were we quite sure  
To find the peerless friend who left  
us lonely,  
Or the, by some celestial stream as  
pure,  
To gaze in eyes that here were love-  
lit only—  
This weary mortal coil, were we quite  
Who would endure?  
—Edmund Clarence Stedman.

## BAPTIST FORGETFULNESS.

I have been thinking for a long time  
to write a short series of articles for  
publication in your paper, but un-  
avoidable business has made it impos-  
sible to do so sooner, I hardly can spare  
time at this writing without trespassing  
upon other important duties, this  
of itself makes these contributions  
lacking in many essentials, yet, right-  
thinking brethren will agree after  
reading this article that Baptist for-  
getfulness is a sore ail and needing  
immediate attention, handicapping de-  
nomination enterprises at every  
point, hindering and crippling the  
cause more perhaps than all other  
evils. Strange to say it, yet true, a  
large per cent. of the so-called mis-  
sionary Baptists are afflicted with an in-  
herent spirit of forgetfulness. They  
fight the various denominational en-  
terprises with a vengeance akin to Sa-  
tan himself. Appeals sent out from  
the leaders invariably go into the waste  
basket. Appeals from those who have  
been elected and asked to do the work,  
excite do denominational pride as  
among denominations avowed enemies  
to Baptists, awakening no interest nor  
arousing any enthusiasm. Other peo-  
ple seem to anticipate the wishes of  
their leaders and make strenuous ef-  
forts to meet them.

If Baptists would take half as much  
interest in their enterprises as other  
denominations are soon every nook and  
corner would be under Baptist influ-  
ence, instead of that, this forgetful-  
ness spend more time exciting jeal-  
ousy and prejudice, sowing discord,  
settling old scores, getting even with  
one another, short-sightedness, and a  
niggardly spirit taking possession,  
sitting idly, offering adverse criticisms  
of men and women who are there su-  
perior, it they would only lay aside  
their petty quarrels and personal  
piques, are soon a spirit of Christ would  
seize their hearts. Christ's cause would  
take on new life, sinners awakened  
and brought to Christ, new fields of  
interest would be opened, new blood  
would be infused, new zeal and new  
aspirations, a holy fire kindled in  
every church throughout the land, new  
hallelujahs ringing from every fire-  
side, new family altars taking the  
place of prayerless homes, the  
family Bible restored to its proper  
place and in the homes, and Christian  
parents rearing their children up in  
the way they would go.

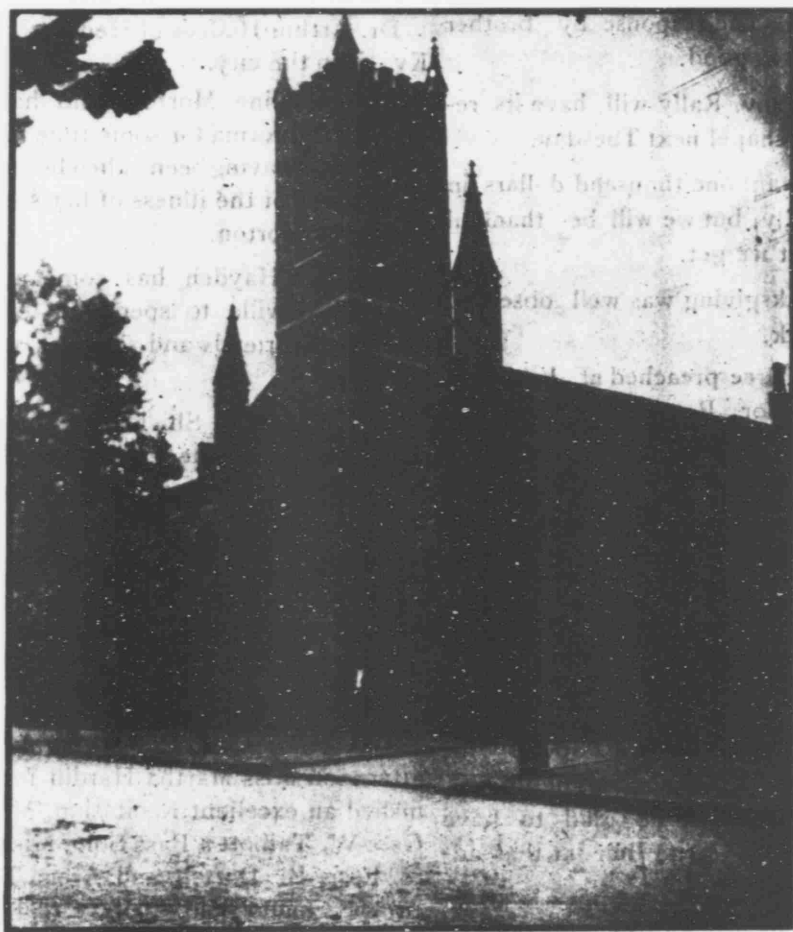
Forgetful Baptists are as numerous  
as lice and locusts were in the days  
of the seers of Egypt. Everywhere you  
travel, on every special occasion, they  
are most prominent, most conspicuous  
volunteering their worthless informa-  
tion, they are ever going, and never  
progressing anywhere, ever proposing  
but never disposing, ever planning  
but never executing, always with you  
but always opposing your plans, if  
you do them a kindness, it is for a pur-  
pose, if you refuse, they censure you,  
they would like to help, but they are  
not able, they are like a certain set in  
the Congress of the United States, they  
never can invent or originate anything  
but they are against those who have  
the capacity and ability to plan, and  
skill to execute, if you are pausing a  
committee to raise funds, they scan  
the list, to see whether their names are  
at the head, or tail end of the list, and  
if at the latter, they complain, and if  
at the former, they say you did it in  
order to get their money, if you leave  
their name off, they spend all the year,  
yes, several years, if necessary, plan-  
ning to compass your defeat.

W. H. MCRIDLEY,

Cadiz, Ky.

## A PASTOR INSTALLED.

Friday evening, November 20th the  
Rev. H. Nutter was installed as pastor  
of the Corinthian Baptist church, of  
Newport, Ky. under most auspicious  
circumstances. The church was beau-  
tifully decorated with palms and ferns  
and many visiting pastors from Cov-  
ington and Cincinnati. The speeches  
were appropriate and to the point. The  
music rendered by the choir was of the  
very best order. A superb supper was  
served by the ladies of the church  
from which \$30.00 was cleared. The  
Corinthian Baptist church is now in  
most excellent condition both spiri-  
tually and financially and the Rev. Nutter  
is certainly to be congratulated that  
he was selected as pastor of such an



Corinthian Baptist Church, Newport, Ky.

excellent congregation. The members  
of the Corinthian Baptist church feel  
that they have entered upon an era  
of harmonious life such as has never  
been experienced by this congregation  
the church property is situated in a  
splendid locality, valued at \$5,000.00  
and practically free from debt, with a  
boasted membership, in good standing  
of one hundred and thirty-two. The  
prosperity of the church and the suc-  
cess of Rev. Nutter is an assured fact.  
The Rev. H. B. Webster, D. D., of  
Paris, Ky., preached the installation  
sermon Sunday to a large and enthusi-  
astic audience. The following pro-  
gramme was rendered on Friday eve-  
ning.

### PART ONE.

Chorus Praise ye the Lord. Choir



REV. H. NUTTER.

Bible Reading Prayer

Rev. R. H. Hall, Covington.

Chorus Song of Praise. Choir

Sermon, 'The Pastor's Duty to his peo-  
ple'. Rev. G. W. Ward, Covington  
Solo, 'In Thy Love.'

Miss Emma McConico  
Sermon, 'The People's Duty to a Pas-  
tor'. Rev. L. W. Gray Cincinnati  
Solo and Chorus, 'If I Were a Voice.'

John Johnson.

### INTERMISSION.

### PART TWO.

Welcome Address

Prof. H. C. Horner, Newport

Solo, 'Beyond the Gates of Paradise.'

Mr. Clifton Ross

## RAMBLING.

### A Pleasant Visit to Arkansas and the Arkansas Baptist Convention

Leaving Louisville on a certain Wed-  
nesday evening not long since on an  
Illinois Central train Rambler found  
himself soon asleep and enjoying much  
needed rest. Our train was an hour  
and a half late starting from Louis-  
ville and when we awoke at Mayfield  
next morning we were surprised to  
learn that our train had lost another  
hour and that suggested the possibility  
of missing connection when we reach-  
ed Memphis. At Fulton our train was  
delayed another hour for some un-  
known cause to the passengers so we  
reached Memphis at 1:20 o'clock p. m.  
instead of 8:20 o'clock a. m. Both  
trains for Helena had gone and there  
was no boat out that afternoon, so  
Rambler had to content himself with  
reaching his destination Friday morn-  
ing and then only by staying at Lula,  
a little village in Mississippi, Thurs-  
day night. This was anything but  
encouraging to Rambler as he had  
seen Lula before in daylight and was  
not very favorably impressed. Ram-  
bler's first duty was to find out if pos-  
sible where he could spend the night.

If he went on to Lula, Attorney Settle,  
Dr. Abby, Pastor Searcy and other  
friends could furnish no relief but af-  
terward decided to take the chance and  
so took the 4:15 train on the Y. & M.  
V. R. R. There was an entire car giv-  
en to colored passengers and it was un-  
comfortably crowded, though Ram-  
bler had a comfortable seat. Most of  
the passengers had come up to the city  
to shop and they had baskets, bottles,  
buckets, boxes, bags, caps, cans, jugs,  
sacks, and valises and they contained  
a variety of things both mentionable  
and unmentionable. It was pay day  
and a boy about sixteen, seated in  
front of Rambler, had been to the city  
also and he had invested every cent of  
his month's pay in a gold plated watch,  
a French harp, pair of pants and some  
cakes and candy. The boy informed  
Rambler that he lived with his father  
and did not need any money during  
the month.

Well a friend on the train had in-  
formed us there were several good places  
at Lula where we could stop and af-  
forded to escort us to a good stopping place  
this eased our mind and when Lula  
was reached we were not reluctant in  
alighting from the train. Our friend  
escorted us to our stopping place and  
introduced us to our hostess. It was  
a country grocery store and it was not  
a very comfortable place as it was a  
very old night and the building was  
large and airy. Hoping to find an es-  
cape from these surroundings we in-  
formed our hostess that if she had no  
objection we would retire and to our  
surprise we were escorted outside to  
the corner of the building to a room  
about 10x12 with a good bed, a chair,  
and a dry goods box, as the furniture,  
but not a spark of fire nor a place for  
such a necessary adjunct on a cold  
night. Instead of writing as is Ram-  
bler's custom, he turned in and covered  
up head and ears hoping to keep  
warm until morning. In this we suc-  
ceeded and the next morning bright  
and early we were up and made our  
breakfast off of cup of black coffee and  
a piece of cake. At 7:50 o'clock Ram-  
bler took the train on the little branch  
road to Helena and arrived there at 9  
o'clock. The Arkansas Baptist Con-  
vention was in session at the Second  
Baptist church and the East Arkansas  
Conference in session at the A. M. E.  
church at the same time and the good  
people of Helena were entertaining  
both bodies handsomely without any  
friction whatever. Our old friend and  
brother, Bishop Evans Tyree was pre-  
siding at the Conference and when  
Rambler entered the church the good  
Bishop introduced him and had him  
say a word, which was done as best he  
could under the circumstances. Bishop  
Tyree is a splendid presiding officer  
and his brethren must appreciate the  
considerate and impartial manner in  
which he disposes of questions before  
the Conference. It was our pleasure  
to visit the Conference at another time,  
in company with Rev. W. F. Graham  
D. D., of Virginia, when both of us  
were invited to speak.

Among the members to the conference  
was Rev. T. H. Jackson, D. D., Presi-  
dent of Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark.,  
who was an old school-mate of Ram-  
bler's in the early 80's in the old school  
on Walnut street between Ninth and  
Tenth, taught by Mr. W. H. Gibson.  
That has been a long time ago, but the  
meeting of old school-mates bring back  
many sweet memories of the almost  
forgotten past.

Respectfully,  
FRANK L. WILLIAMS  
President.  
MRS. L. V. DOUGLASS  
Secretary.

To the Teacher and Friends of Edu-  
cation of Kentucky:

The next meeting of the Colored  
State Teacher's Association will be held  
in Louisville, Ky., beginning 2 p. m.  
Monday, December 28th, and continu-  
ing until the afternoon of December  
30th. Each session will be brimful of  
suggestions, instruction, and inspi-  
ration. Rare men handling vital, tell-  
ing subjects in an interesting and ef-  
fective way, will characterize our 27th  
annual meeting.

Among the special speakers, will be  
heard Prof. Kelly Miller, Howard Uni-  
versity, Washington, D. C.; Prof. L. V.  
Dodge, who, for more than thirty years  
has been a professor in Berea College;  
Prof. G. W. Carver, Director of the Agri-  
culture Department of Tuskegee In-  
stitute; Prof. Reuben Post Halleck, au-  
thor of 'Psychology and Physical Cul-  
ture,' 'Education of Central Nervous  
System,' 'English Literature.'

The railroads have granted a fare  
and a third for the round trip. Pay  
full fare to Louisville; secure a certifi-  
cate with your ticket. This certificate  
will be signed by the president, and  
then you secure a return ticket for one  
third fare. Do not use holiday rates;  
secure a certificate.

If you wish some one to arrange for  
your entertainment write Prof. W. H.  
Perry, Chairman Executive Committee  
2909 West Walnut Street, Louisville,  
Ky.

An interesting feature of the meeting  
will be an exhibit of the pupils' work,  
in all departments, of the colored  
schools of Louisville. Singing by pu-  
pils of different grades will show what  
can be done by systematic careful  
training in music.

An invitation is extended to minis-  
ters of all denominations to attend any  
or all of the sessions of the Association.  
A majority of the subjects discussed  
will prove as valuable to the minister  
as to the teacher. In the work of de-  
veloping and training the race, the  
purposes of minister and teacher are  
the same.

Respectfully,  
FRANK L. WILLIAMS  
President.  
MRS. L. V. DOUGLASS  
Secretary.

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Senior is 48 pages, and finely illustrated. The Advanced is  
also enlarged and illustrated. Important changes have been made  
in the Teacher and Superintendent. The prices of some of the  
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greatly bettered. Note especially OUR NEW PERIODICAL, Our  
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| Intermediate  | 2 "               |
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| Bible   | 1 cent each       |
| Intermediate  | 1 cent each       |
| Primary   | 1 cent each       |
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| Bible Lesson Pictures                                 |                   |
| Bible Lesson Pictures                                 |                   |
| Bible Lesson Pictures                                 |                   |
| HOME DEPARTMENT SUP-<br>PLIES OF ALL KINDS            |                   |
| Senior H. D. Quarterly                                | 4 cents           |
| Advanced H. D.  | 2 "               |
| each per copy 1 per quarter                           |                   |
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As a very full report of the Arkansas  
Baptist Convention has already ap-  
peared in your columns it will not be  
necessary for Rambler to review its  
proceedings at length, but it was a re-  
markable meeting and accomplished  
remarkable things. These Ark. brethren  
have a way of their own doing things  
and they do them well. Evidence of  
friction was sometimes noticed in their  
deliberations and they were not always  
of one mind and in sweet accord upon  
all propositions, but when a conclu-  
sion was reached as Baptists should  
reach conclusions everyone acquiesced  
and the work went right along. There  
was no end to the visitors, and they  
came from far and near, and were all  
cordially received and extended every  
courtesy Rambler was domiciled at the  
lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Clark  
with Dr. W. F. Graham of Virginia,  
during our stay where we receive every  
attention. This happy family em-  
braces Dr. and Mrs. Clark, mother Jane  
and mother Faunle and they not only  
live comfortably and happily them-  
selves but they made those around  
them the same.

During our stay we enjoyed the hos-  
pitality of Dr. E. C. Morris and his fam-  
ily at their elegant home, and had to  
decline other courtesies for want of time.  
After Sunday School and morning ser-  
vice Sunday Rambler reluctantly parted  
with the Arkansas brethren and friends  
and started on his journey homeward.  
Our train was late again and was de-  
layed. If any one shares the opin-  
ion that the race is dying out all he will  
have to do to dispel it will be to ride  
through the Mississippi Delta on a Sun-  
day train. At every station, great  
crowds of our people, little and big, men  
and women were at the stations and fre-  
quently not a white face could be seen  
anywhere and as fast as one crowd em-  
erged from the train another would en-  
ter and thus it was until Memphis was  
reached.

In this section it is said that the Ne-  
groes outnumber the whites eight to one  
and still the whites hold every office and  
have almost absolute control of every-  
thing. Unlike Kentucky many of the  
plantations are not enclosed and nothing  
is planted but cotton and corn. Even  
garden plots are small and scarce.  
Having a few hours to spare in Memphis  
Rambler spent that time in calling on  
some friends and swapping a few words  
with them. Among this number were  
Rev. J. Searcy, H. C. Owens and  
Prof. W. J. Harvey. Before leaving  
Rambler spent a short while at the old  
Beall Street church and at the request  
of Pastor H. E. Clemmons made a few  
remarks at the opening of the evening  
service. The train on the L. & N. was  
late and we were two hours behind time  
reaching Louisville Monday morning  
where we are now hard at work.

RAMBLER.

The saloon doesn't compel a  
drink unless he has a mind to. This is  
a free country, just so, and if you should  
dig a hole twenty feet deep in the pub-  
lic highway you wouldn't compel any  
one to fall in. When the wrecker in the  
old times on the Cornwell Cliffs or along  
the Jersey Coast hung out false lights he  
didn't compel the marines to strike on,  
the bar. The man who sells diseased meat  
doesn't compel any to buy it, The  
man who sells clothes infected  
with the plague or with yellow fever does  
not compel any one to buy them or wear  
them.—The Weekly Guide.

ESTABLISHED 1870

## A GLORIOUS TEN DAYS MEET- ING AT THE PARKRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH.

In company with Rev. R. Reynolds,  
we boarded the train for the above  
named church to carry on a meeting.  
We arrived at Sparta at 6 p. m. Rev.  
Reynolds secured a rig and conveyed  
us to the church where an audience  
were awaiting our arrival, the night  
being dark and rainy and only a few,  
the pastor thought to only have pray-  
er meeting was the better. On Thurs-  
day night we opened fire on the en-  
emy's camp: being a stranger they look-  
ed to see which way we were going.  
On the third night the people began  
to pray in earnest for the conversion  
of sinners. The fourth night we called  
for sinners to come to the anxious seat  
and they came crying 'Men and breth-  
ren what must we do to be saved?'  
The fifth night six made a profession  
of faith. On the seventh night three  
more happy souls were converted. It  
was indeed a glorious outpouring from  
the presence of the Lord.

I preached ten sermons; Rev. Rey-  
nolds preached two. This people were  
spiritually alive and seemed ready and  
willing to hear the gospel. They sat  
patiently and listened attentively to  
what you had to say and then gave  
vent to their feelings. Nine conver-  
sions in our ten days was the harvest  
to God be the praise. Rev. Reynolds,  
the church and, I were only instru-  
ments in God's hands to do this work.  
Sunday was the climax day, people  
from the surrounding counties came in  
on Sunday morning to hear the pastor  
preach, as they had not heard him  
since he had returned from Kansas. He  
preached a powerful sermon. On  
Sunday night I preached my last ser-  
mon subject 'Prayer and Duty.'

The collection during the meeting  
was \$28.20; they gave me for my service  
\$12.20. No man that is a man need  
to fear about being mistreated by Rev.  
Reynolds. I found him to be a perfect  
gentleman, he was just as tender with  
me as if I had been a child, and denied  
his comforts, among his people for me.  
He stands as fair as the moonday: he  
is loved by white and colored; when  
he speaks they obey; not because they  
are ignorant but because they are in-  
telligent and want to do what is right.  
There are some of the members of  
the church that own a considerable por-  
tion of land.

E. P. MARRS.

Louisville, Ky.

## A Christmas Bell.

As a suggestion for an appropriate  
Christmas Gift we would advise those  
Churches that are without Bells to cor-  
respond with The C. S. Bell Company of  
Willmor, Ohio. This firm manufac-  
tures the 'Steel Alloy' Bell and the  
special price they are offering at the  
present time place their Bells within the  
reach of all.

The 'Steel Alloy' Bell has been ring-  
ing out Glad tidings on Christmas day  
for over Fifty Years and from several  
thousand places its merry peal will be  
heard on this Christmas day. 'The Steel  
Alloy' Bell is widely known for its su-  
perior quality and sweet tone.  
By writing the C. S. Bell Company you  
will receive a beautiful and artistic Cat-  
alogue and full information concerning  
Bells.